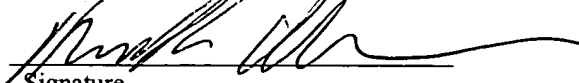




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In Re Application of:

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Examiner: Ali Reza Salimi

Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING YEAST EXPRESSED HPV TYPES 6 AND
16 CAPSID PROTEINS

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 8, 2005 with an initial response due on or before May 8, 2005. Accordingly, a one-month extension of time in which to respond is requested and the appropriate fee accompanies this response.

The Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-9, 37-40 and 50, drawn to virus-like particles comprising at least two capsid types and methods of using the same;

Group II, claims 1, 10-14 and 50-51, drawn to a composition comprising virus-like particles comprising at least two capsid types¹;

Group III, claims 15-26, drawn to method of producing virus-like particles comprising at least two capsid types;

¹ Claims 1 and 50 appear to have been included in Group II in error, as these claims pertain to VLPs rather than compositions.

Group IV, claims 27-36, drawn to host cells; and

Group V, claims 41-48, drawn to method of expressing capsid proteins from at least two types of viruses².

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 10-14 and 51, without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

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² Applicants assume claim 49 was intended to be grouped with the claims of Group V as claim 49 is also drawn to methods of expression.